of holding the International Congress in India to the International Association of Seed Crushers, London. Since the organisers held the Congress without obtaining the approval of Reserve Bank for remittance of the surplus amount and it is not the policy of the Government to permit International organisers to hold conferences in India on commercial basis, the request of the organisers to remit the profits was not agreed to.

Indo-Bangladesh Conference to check Smuggling, etc.

1038. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Bangladesh Conference was recently held in Dhaka to strengthen measures to check border crimes, smuggling and trafficking in drugs and women;

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the Conference;

(c) whether any concrete steps have been agreed upon to solve these alarming anti-social activities on Indo-Bangladesh border; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussions were held from 9th to 13th January, 1989 between Director General Border Security Force from Indian side and Director General Bangladesh Rifles on the Bangladesh side. Both delegations were assisted by a team of senior officers drawn from various Departments of the two countries. The discussions are an ennual feature.

(c) and (d) Brief details of the discussions are furnished in the attached statement.

Statement

The annual border coordination meeting between the BSF and BDR was held in Dhaka from 9th to 13th January, 1989. The Indian delegation was led by Shri H. P. Bhatnagar, DG, BSF and the Bangladesh delegation was headed by Major General Sadiqur Rehman Chowdhury, DG Bangladesh Rifles. Both the delegations were assisted by a team of senior officers not only from the BSF and BDR, but also from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs ,JRC and Department of Survey. The meeting took place in the atmosphere of cordiality and friendship and free and frank discussions were held. The following relevant issues were discussed in the meeting:—

(i) Illegal crossing of Bangladesh national into India.

(ii) Trans-border smuggling particularly drug trafficking.

(iii) Trans-border crimes.

(iv) Return of Chakmas refugees

(v) Repair and maintenance of boundary pillars.

(vi) Land problems.

Cases of misuse of power by Police Officers

1039. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases have been brought to the notice of Government during the last one year where the police officers have misused their powers and detained innocent persons under Sections 107 and 151 of Cr.P.C.;